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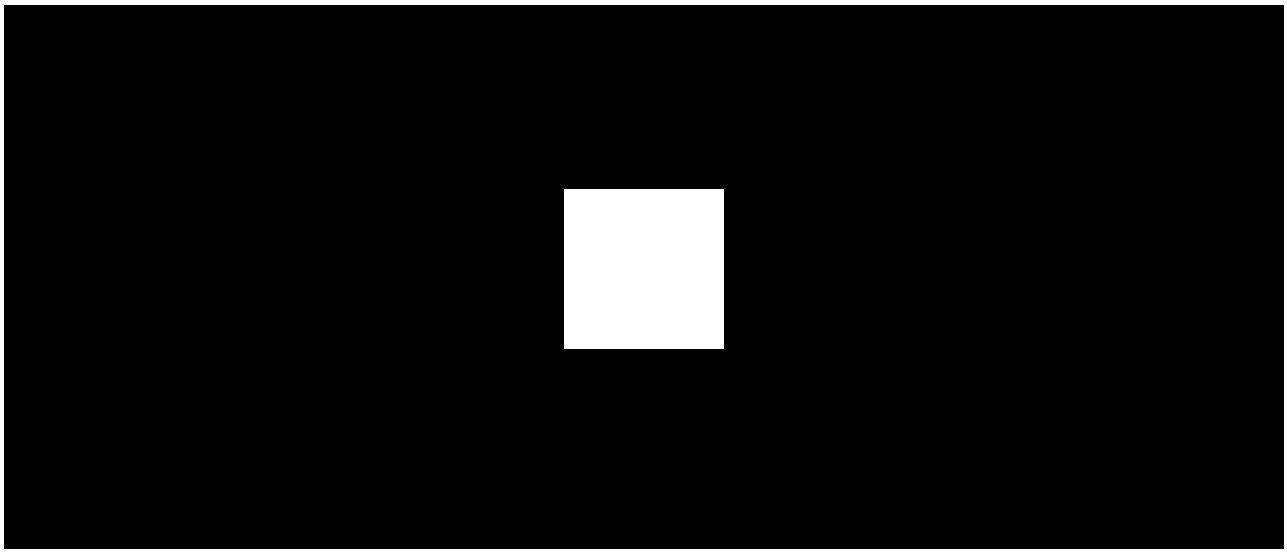
Who’s Pulling John Horgan’s Strings?

B.C. Premier John Horgan claims that he acts in the best interests of the residents of the Province. Supposedly, eliminating freedom and medical autonomy are all done in the name of the public good. But is that really the case? Are Horgan and his associates truly bumbling fools, or is there something more nefarious at play?

Due to reader request, this sequel is going up.

This series continues on who’s pulling the strings of influential politicians. Previously, Elizabeth May, Erin O’Toole, Michelle Rempel, Steven Guilbeault (Part 1 and Part 2), Doug Ford (many times), Rankin & Strang, Jason Kenney, Scott Moe, Brian Pallister and Blaine Higgs were covered.



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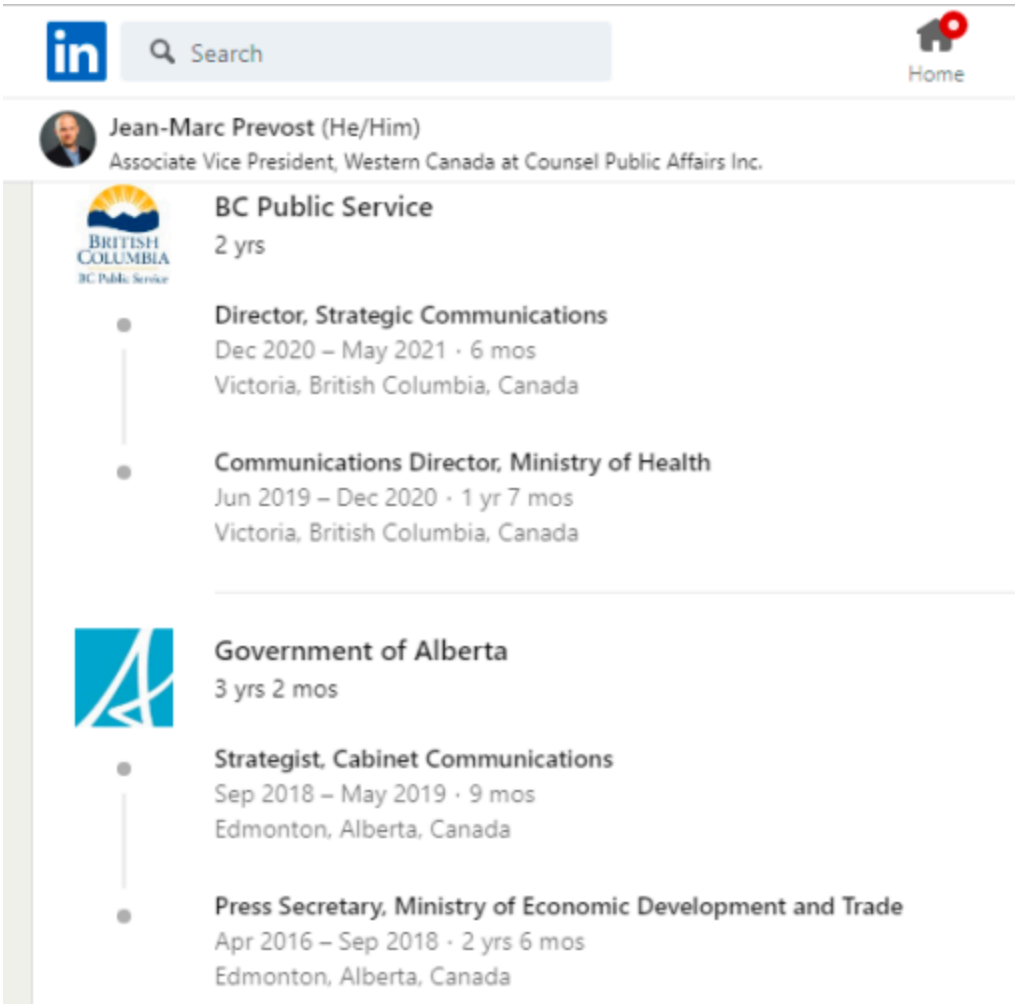
In she's not. She's just another actor, reading a script that's provided. Without someone to tell her what to say, she starts babbling idiotically, such as repeatedly admitting there's no science behind anything she does. She did find the time to publish a book though.

An honest and transparent media would call Horgan, Henry, Dix and Farnworth out for their obvious lies and deceptions. However, with enough subsidies, that doesn't happen.

Here are the open lobbyist registrations that are flagged by searching vaccines. A lot of the names should be familiar. If they're not familiar, then you have a lot of catching up to do.

1. Jean-Marc Prevost, Counsel Public Affairs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Jean-Marc Prevost (He/Him)
Associate Vice President, Western Canada at Counsel Public Affairs Inc.
BC Public Service
2 yrs
Director, Strategic Communications
Dec 2020 – May 2021 · 6 mos
Victoria, British Columbia, Canada
Communications Director, Ministry of Health
Jun 2019 – Dec 2020 · 1 yr 7 mos
Victoria, British Columbia, Canada
Government of Alberta
3 yrs 2 mos
Strategist, Cabinet Communications
Sep 2018 – May 2019 · 9 mos
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
Press Secretary, Ministry of Economic Development and Trade
Apr 2016 – Sep 2018 · 2 yrs 6 mos
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

This has been addressed in an earlier piece. Prevost was the "Director of Strategic Communications" for Bonnie Henry immediately before becoming a lobbyist for Counsel Public Affairs. This firm has been lobbying all across Canada on behalf of Emergent BioSolutions, the company that makes AstraZeneca.

Prevost has also been a handler for the Alberta and Manitoba Governments before moving over to BC. now lobbies on behalf of Innovative Medicines Canada, which represents pretty much the entire pharmaceutical industry.

2. Brad Lavigne, Counsel Public Affairs

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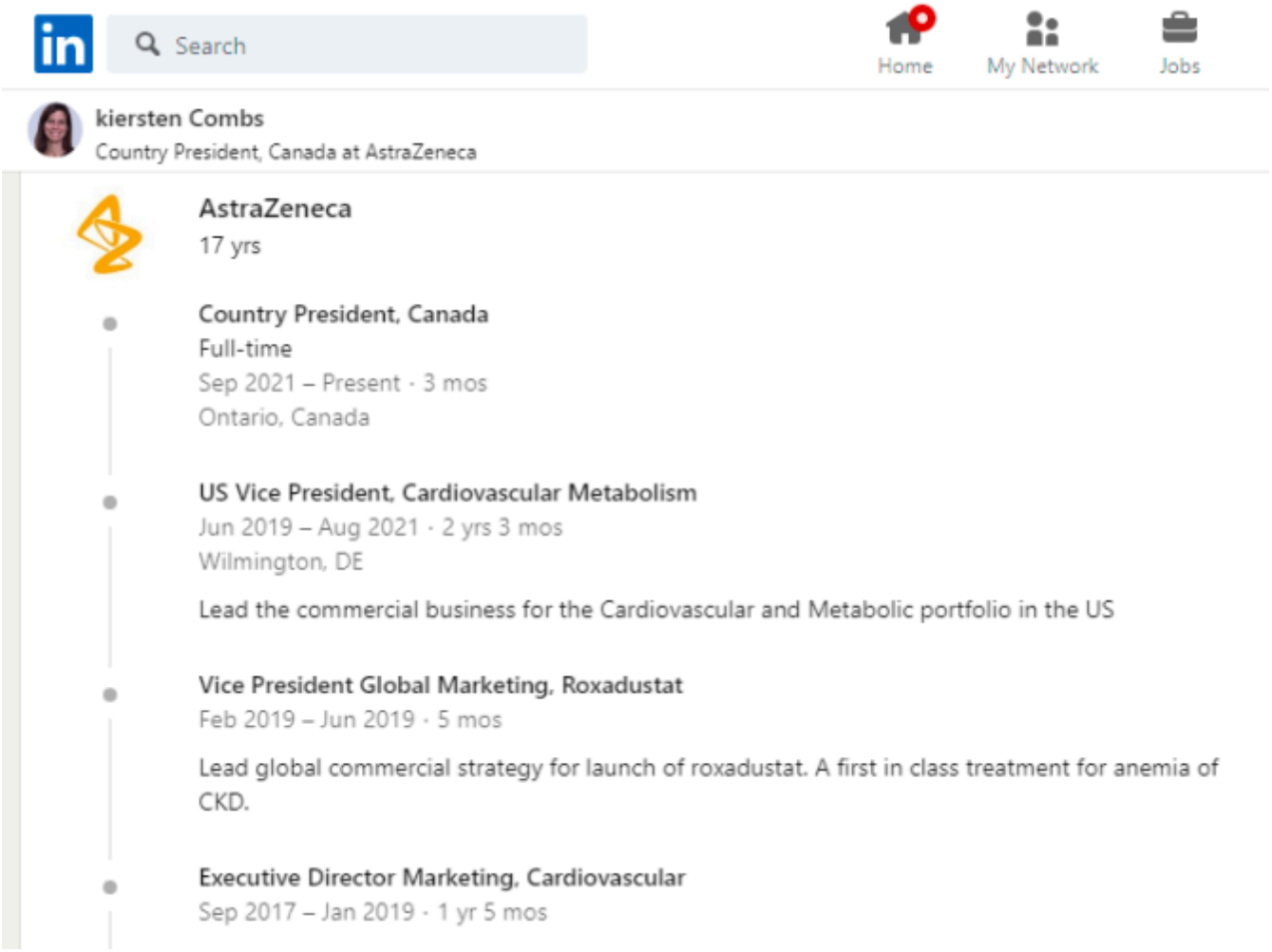
Brad Lavigne
Partner at Counsel Public Affairs Inc.
Principal Secretary
Office of the Leader of the Official Opposition
Aug 2011 – Mar 2012 · 8 mos
Ottawa, Canada Area
As Principal Secretary, served as senior advisor to the Leader of the Official Opposition and Opposition Caucus. Established and implemented political strategy for the Opposition in Parliament. Served as media spokesperson and liaised with stakeholders.
New Democratic Party of Canada
2 yrs 3 mos
National Director
May 2009 – Jul 2011 · 2 yrs 3 mos
National Campaign Director
Mar 2011 – May 2011 · 3 mos
Ottawa, Ontario
Director of Strategic Communications
Office of the Hon. Jack Layton, Leader of the New Democratic Party of Canada
Feb 2006 – Apr 2009 · 3 yrs 3 mos
Ottawa, Canada Area

Before becoming a drug lobbyist, Brad Lavigne was very involved with the Federal NDP. He even worked in the Office of Jack Layton, when he was Leader of the Official Opposition. He got very close to having some real power, but now channels it behind the scenes. Lavigne has also been a CBC commentator since 2004, though it's doubtful he's ever been asked hard questions about his lobbying.

3. Kiersten Combs, AstraZeneca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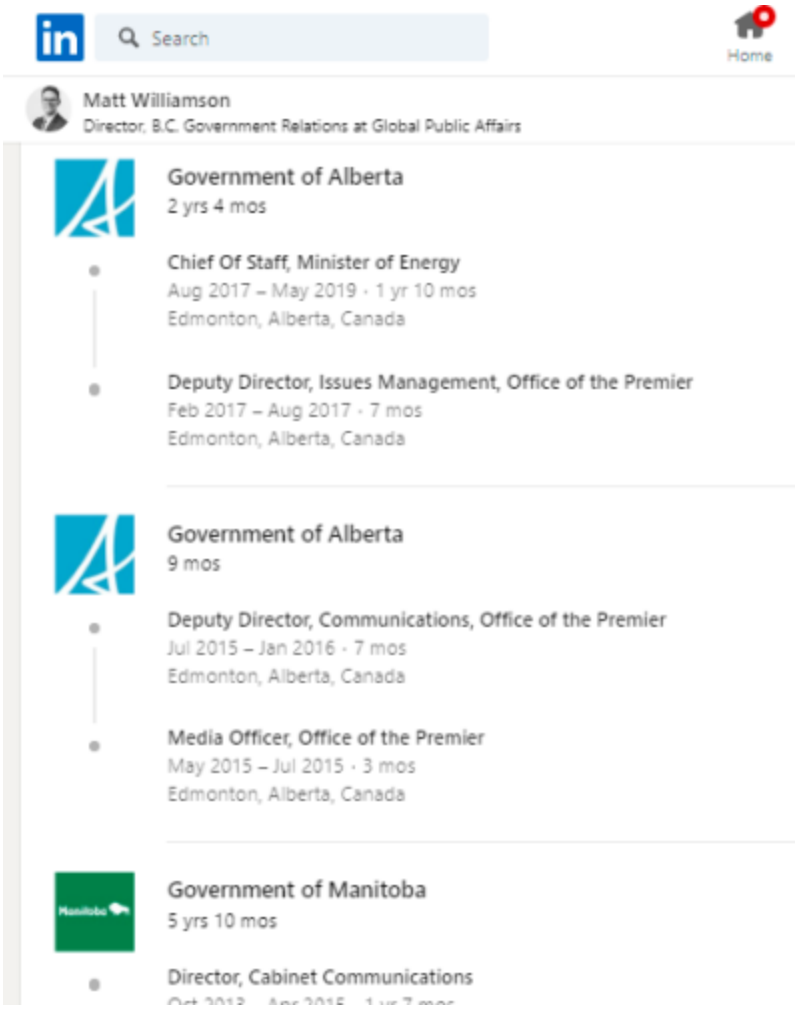
kiersten Combs
Country President, Canada at AstraZeneca
AstraZeneca
17 yrs
Country President, Canada
Full-time
Sep 2021 – Present · 3 mos
Ontario, Canada
US Vice President, Cardiovascular Metabolism
Jun 2019 – Aug 2021 · 2 yrs 3 mos
Wilmington, DE
Lead the commercial business for the Cardiovascular and Metabolic portfolio in the US
Vice President Global Marketing, Roxadustat
Feb 2019 – Jun 2019 · 5 mos
Lead global commercial strategy for launch of roxadustat. A first in class treatment for anemia of CKD.
Executive Director Marketing, Cardiovascular
Sep 2017 – Jan 2019 · 1 yr 5 mos

Considering that Bonnie's ex-Communications Director now lobbies on behalf of Emergent BioSolutions, it stands to reason that AstraZeneca would benefit. After all, this is the company that actually manufactures the product.

4. Matt Williamson, Global Public Affairs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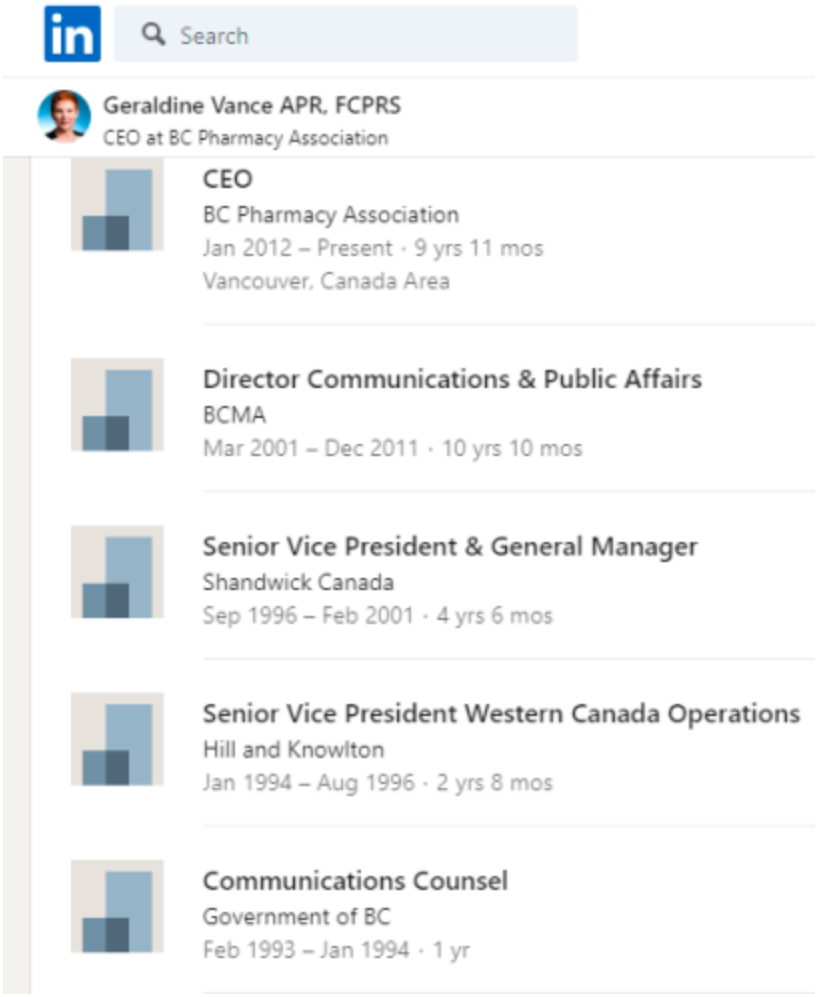
Matt Williamson
Director, B.C. Government Relations at Global Public Affairs
Government of Alberta
2 yrs 4 mos
Chief Of Staff, Minister of Energy
Aug 2017 – May 2019 · 1 yr 10 mos
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
Deputy Director, Issues Management, Office of the Premier
Feb 2017 – Aug 2017 · 7 mos
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
Government of Alberta
9 mos
Deputy Director, Communications, Office of the Premier
Jul 2015 – Jan 2016 · 7 mos
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
Media Officer, Office of the Premier
May 2015 – Jul 2015 · 3 mos
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
Government of Manitoba
5 yrs 10 mos
Director, Cabinet Communications

Matt Williamson has worked with both the Governments of Manitoba and Alberta before becoming a lobbyist in B.C. It's interesting, his career path seems pretty similar to Jean-Marc Prevost. He's also working for Innovative Medicines Canada, which means pretty much everyone.

5. Geraldine Vance, B.C. Pharmacy Association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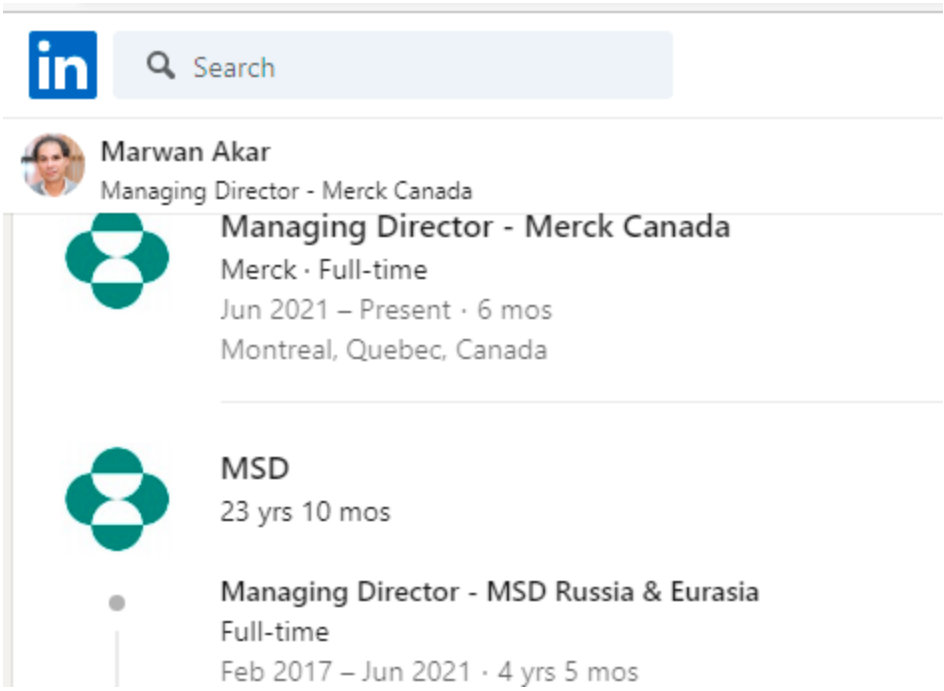
Geraldine Vance APR, FCPRS
CEO at BC Pharmacy Association
CEO
BC Pharmacy Association
Jan 2012 – Present · 9 yrs 11 mos
Vancouver, Canada Area
Director Communications & Public Affairs
BCMA
Mar 2001 – Dec 2011 · 10 yrs 10 mos
Senior Vice President & General Manager
Shandwick Canada
Sep 1996 – Feb 2001 · 4 yrs 6 mos
Senior Vice President Western Canada Operations
Hill and Knowlton
Jan 1994 – Aug 1996 · 2 yrs 8 mos
Communications Counsel
Government of BC
Feb 1993 – Jan 1994 · 1 yr

Early in her career, Geraldine Vance was "Communications Counsel" for the Government of B.C. Now, she lobbies on behalf of the B.C. Pharmacy Association, which is funded by drug companies. But that's probably irrelevant. Just because a group is funded by big pharma, that doesn't mean there's any conflict of interest.

6. Marwan Akar, Merck Canada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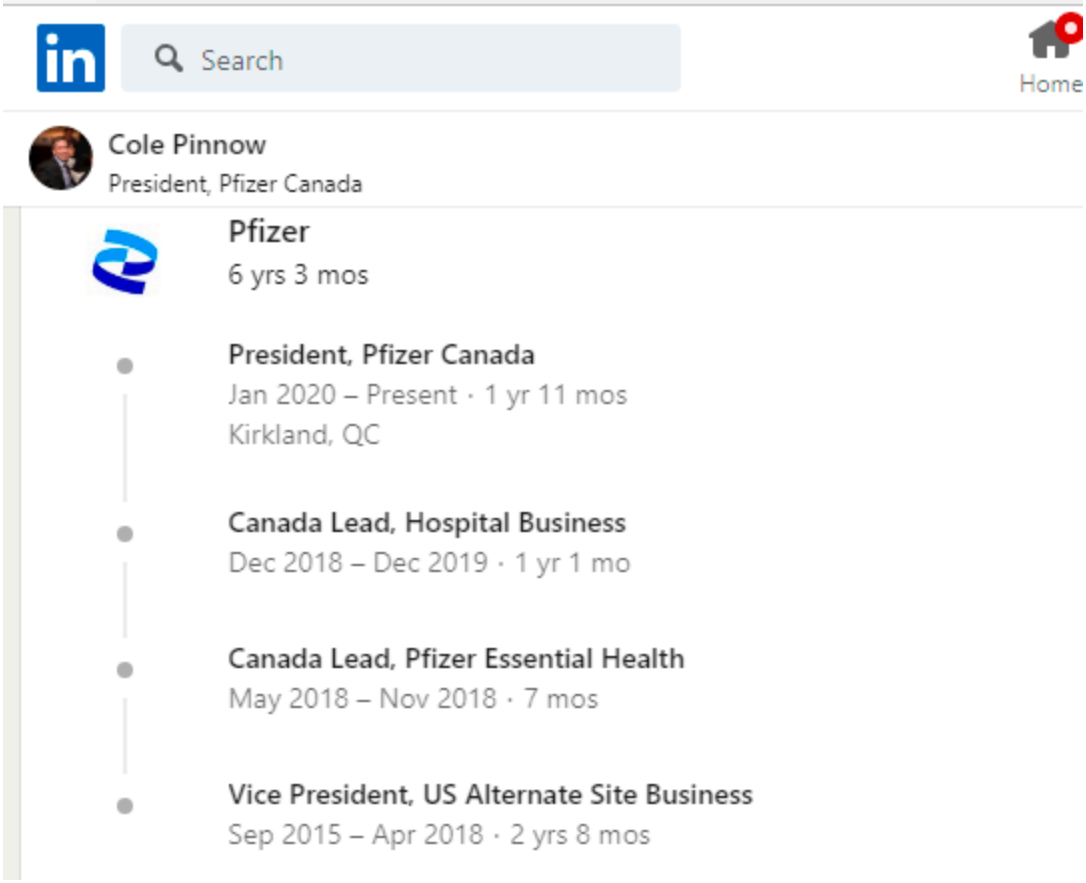
Marwan Akar
Managing Director - Merck Canada
Managing Director - Merck Canada
Merck · Full-time
Jun 2021 – Present · 6 mos
Montreal, Quebec, Canada
MSD
23 yrs 10 mos
Managing Director - MSD Russia & Eurasia
Full-time
Feb 2017 – Jun 2021 · 4 yrs 5 mos

Interesting side note: Marwan Akar got his MBA from Imperial College London. This is where the infamous Neil Ferguson conducts his doomsday modeling.

7. Cole Pinnow, Pfizer Canada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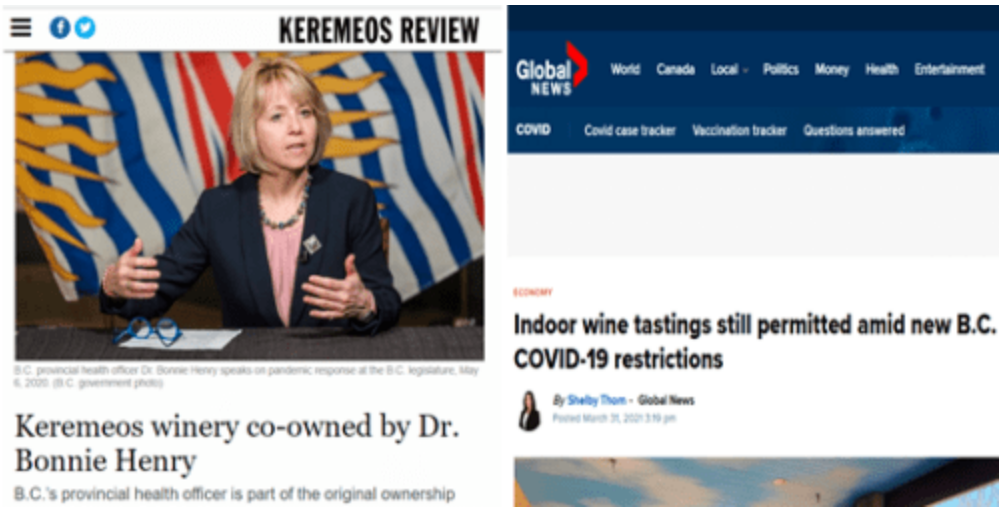
Cole Pinnow
President, Pfizer Canada
Pfizer
6 yrs 3 mos
President, Pfizer Canada
Jan 2020 – Present · 1 yr 11 mos
Kirkland, QC
Canada Lead, Hospital Business
Dec 2018 – Dec 2019 · 1 yr 1 mo
Canada Lead, Pfizer Essential Health
May 2018 – Nov 2018 · 7 mos
Vice President, US Alternate Site Business
Sep 2015 – Apr 2018 · 2 yrs 8 mos

Pfizer really doesn't need an introduction, does it? Heck, they donate to, and sponsor, nearly everything under the sun.

Anyhow, this isn't everyone on the list. However, they are some of the more notable names who've been pulling Horgan's strings lately.

One also has to wonder if this lobbying factored into Horgan's decision to terminate anyone in the B.C. Civil Service who refuses to take the experimental shots.

Never mind that having "interim authorization" is not the same thing as being approved. These sickos in Government want to get everyone, even the children.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B.C. provincial health officer Dr. Bonnie Henry speaks on pandemic response at the B.C. legislature, May 6, 2020. (B.C. government photo)
Keremeos winery co-owned by Dr. Bonnie Henry
B.C.'s provincial health officer is part of the original ownership
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Indoor wine tastings still permitted amid new B.C. COVID-19 restrictions
By Shelby Thom - Global News

Of course, B.C. did still permit indoor wine tasting earlier this year, despite ordering a shut down of other businesses. The fact that Bonnie Henry co-owned a winery in Keremeos probably factored into that decision. Actually, Bonnie being on the sauce would explain a lot of what she says and does.

After all, she's done a 180 since her testimony in a 2015 Ontario Labour Arbitration case over the Sault Area Hospital's vaccinate-or-mask policy.

So who's pulling Horgan's strings? It probably isn't Adrian Dix, the Health Minister. His background in history and political science doesn't qualify him to do anything. So who could it be?

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- Ensight Canada (Shoppers Drug Mart)
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- Harbourview Public Affairs (Batherson)

- Loyalist Public Affairs (Mader, Froggatt)
- Magnet Strategy Group (Danielle Peters)
- McKercher LLP (VIDO-InterVac, Douglas Richardson)
- Rubicon Strategy (Letersky)
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- Wellington Advocacy (Curran et. al)
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